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My Twitter Town Hall is about to start. Remember you can watch live here: 1.usa.gov/GRDKwh Thanks for tuning in! Let's talk #NJ:



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Q: When will Congress act on oil speculation? Wall St is making huge profits by interfering w/ normal market forces #AskMenendez
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A: We've passed leg 4 CFTC 2 limit oil specs from taking bets & drive up prices. They r moving too slow. Looking @ other action
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Q: RT @brandt_mike When will we finally start drilling for our own energy on our own Federal Lands? #AskMenendez



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A: 50mil acres under lease by oil co's r not being drilled. I'm telling oil co's to Use It or Lose It. Can't squat on resources #AskMenendez



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Q: Can anything be done to stop the rise in diesel gas prices so transpo costs will stop being passed to consumers? #AskMenendez – Armondo



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A: Ban the export of oil/refined products coming from public lands. That's what my bill called Drill It Here Keep It Here does.
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Q: RT @T2012JS Why did you vote against the Keystone pipeline when gas prices are going through the roof? #AskMenendez



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A: I support [#KeystonePipeline](#) as long as it receives enviro permits, bans exporting that oil & uses domestic materials 2 build [#AskMenendez](#)



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A con't: GOP bill would issue permits 4 [#Keystone](#) w/out final route selected. Can't know enviro impacts w/out knowing route! [#AskMenendez](#)



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Q: What do you think NJ's best shot at an alternative energy source is and how soon can we realistically see results? [#AskMenendez](#) – Elana



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A: Electricity & NatGas. Both are widely avail & cheaper than oil based fuels. Great alternatives that are complimentary techs [#AskMenendez](#)



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Q: How can we implement more energy efficiency and conservation now to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels? [#AskMenendez](#) -email from Amy



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A: We can support [@WhiteHouse](#) plan to get 54.5 mpg by 2025 & support/extend tax incentives 2 make homes more energy efficient [#AskMenendez](#)



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A con't: I created an energy efficiency program to fund [#NJ](#) communities to save energy. Cheapest energy is unused energy. [#AskMenendez](#)



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Q: RT [@Leopard8](#) Since the USA has oil reserves, why don't we use these temporarily until we develop extraction of what we own? [#AskMenendez](#)



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A: Releasing oil reserves to put downward pressure on oil prices is great idea that's been effective in past. Time to do so NOW [#AskMenendez](#)



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Q: RT @TheAnnHirsch Isn't there a way to limit the profits the oil companies are allowed to make? #AskMenendez



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A: Not really. But we can cut \$24bil in tax subsidies #Big5Oil will receive in next 10 yrs. Tell your reps to support my bill! #AskMenendez



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Q: RT @ssbrillhart Why don't we require car manufacturers to do more to improve fuel economy? #AskMenendez



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A: Unfort. car manufacturers say 54.5mpg by 2025 (President's plan) is fastest they can move. Great start, but more can be done #AskMenendez



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A con't: We can move aggressively to spur market to invest in cars that run on electricity, #NatGas & alternative fuels #AskMenendez



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Q: RT @gwitzel I read an Article that the USA is exporting more oil than importing. Is this true? & if so why? especially now! #AskMenendez



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A: Yes, petroleum products for 1st time since '49. I have leg that says if we drill it here, we should keep it here. #AskMenendez



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Q: RT @JustinNYSE Thank you for supporting the Nat Gas Act, why don't we start converting all NJ's government vehicles to CNG? #AskMenendez



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A: Thanks. I wrote the #NatGas Act in part to encourage #NJ public transit to run on #NatGas. #AskMenendez



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A con't: If we shield #NJ transit from high fuel prices, they won't be have to cut service or raise fares this summer #AskMenendez



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Q: RT @MrcGnzls GOP claims drilling is the answer, but isn't US oil production increasing? Why haven't gas prices gone down?
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A: Exactly. Oil prod. is @ 8yr high yet prices are skyrocketing along w/ #BigOil profits. We need to dvlp more affordable alts #AskMenendez



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Q: If gas has been delivered, produced, etc how is it the price of gas goes up while it waits 2 be sold underground? #AskMenendez – Marleny



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A: b/c oil & oil products are traded on global, electronic markets that can take wild swings & in turn cause pain @ the pump #AskMenendez



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A con't: We can better regulate these mkts by curbing excess speculation on Wall St & release oil from Strategic Petro Reserve
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Q: RT @grandpabear Why are we still oil dependent in the first place?? When are we going to stop the insanity? #AskMenendez



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A: I agree. We need to do everything we can to become less dependent on 1 fuel source & allow others to compete w/ oil.
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A con't: Becoming more energy secure will drive down fuel costs. Need 2 invest in alt clean energy & raising fuel econ standard
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Q: RT @livelited Will you help put an end to subsidizing oil companies? And help put that money towards greentech?
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A: Yes that's what my leg aims to do: end subsidies 4 #BigOil who made \$137bil profits in '11 & extend clean energy tax credits
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Q: RT @syarn How does Repealing Tax Subsidies Act protect individual consumers from even higher gas prices passed on by #BigOil?#AskMenendez



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A: Right now u pay #BigOil 2x: @ pump & as taxpayer. My bill will end subsidies, invest in alts 2 help drive down gas prices #AskMenendez



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Q: RT @LovNRDC We're running deficits and debt, how can we afford subsidizing a wildly profitable industry? #AskMenendez



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A: You are right we can't! #AskMenendez



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Q: RT @E_Urquijo why don't U join up with the other NE Corridor Sens and Gobs to get us high speed rail ? Most profitble rte. #AskMenendez



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A: Absolutely. Was proud to help get NJ \$450 million in high speed rail funds but there is much more to do. #AskMenendez



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Q: RT @owendbanks You will end corporation tax breaks for oil companies and loot taxpayers to fund your green scam energy? #AskMenendez



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A: Not sure why we would let China clean our clocks in renewable energy only to subsidize #BigOil, but thx for the question! #AskMenendez



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Q: RT @nnjteaparty caught in a lie. Says "My bill will end subsidies" then says will "invest in alts" -- meaning, subsidies. #AskMenendez



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A: My bill ends subsidies to Big Oil and uses it to extend existing tax incentives for alternatives. #AskMenendez



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Q: RT @HoustonNewNews @SenatorMenendez did you just call electricity an energy SOURCE? wait...What? #AskMenendez



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A: Ha. You are right that electricity is derived from many energy sources. [#AskMenendez](#)



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Q: RT [@JennyMCoffey](#) If it is an effective, affordable idea the private, free market will invest. Do you agree? [#AskMenendez](#)



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A: I don't think we can sit by & let the mkt gouge ppl @ the pump. Need 2 do what we can & that means alt fuels & efficiency [#AskMenendez](#)



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Q: RT [@TomSzymanski](#) u discuss gas prices but dont support domestic supplies(Key Pipe) which could lower consumer prices. Why? [#AskMenendez](#)



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A: I have. My Use It Or Lose bill would get [#BigOil](#) to stop sitting on 50 million idle acres & start producing more. [#AskMenendez](#)



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Q: RT [@JennyMCoffey](#) Why do u think it's ok 2 spend our hard earned tax \$ on ur pet 'energy' projects? We are trillions in debt [#AskMenendez](#)



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A: [#NJ](#) is number 2 in solar. That's a lot of jobs. We hurt solar, we hurt [#NJ](#). [#AskMenendez](#)